

In the Specification:

On page 2, line 13, delete "remover" and insert --remove-- therefor.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20 and 23-54 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 21 and 22, as follows:

ai 1. (Amended) A device for enhancing removal of liquid from fabric, which comprises:

a base plate having one or more apertures [to serve as] forming extraction nozzles; and

[a] means for forcing [any] liquid in the fabric toward said apertures as said base plate is moved across the fabric, said means for forcing being attached to [the] a bottom of said base plate.

2
22. (Amended) The device for enhancing removal of liquid from fabric as recited in claim ¹~~21~~, wherein:

said means for forcing includes [a] means for increasing [the] penetration of said base plate into the fabric.

Please add new claims 55-61, which depend from original claim 21, as follows:

-- 3 ⁵⁵. (New) A device in accordance with claim 21¹, wherein the means for forcing includes at least one barrier disposed on the bottom of the base plate.

02 ⁴₅₆. (New) A device in accordance with claim 21¹, wherein the means for forcing includes a plurality of barriers, with each of the barriers disposed between adjacent apertures.

⁵₅₇. (New) A device in accordance with claim 21¹, wherein the means for forcing includes a barrier disposed behind the plurality of apertures.

⁶₅₈. (New) A device in accordance with claim 21¹, wherein the means for forcing includes:

a) a plurality of barriers, with each of the barriers disposed between adjacent apertures; and

b) another barrier disposed behind the plurality of apertures.

⁷₅₉. (New) A device in accordance with claim 21¹, wherein the means for forcing includes at least one barrier with a V-shaped cross section.

⁸
~~60~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the means for forcing includes at least one barrier with a V-shaped cross section; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section.

02 ⁹
~~61~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ~~21~~¹, wherein the baseplate has a V-shaped cross section forming at least one barrier; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section.--

[Please add new claims 62-81, as follows:]

-- ¹⁰
~~62~~. (New) A device configured to be attached to a machine for extracting a liquid from a fabric, the device comprising:

a) a baseplate with a bottom configured to face and contact the fabric;

b) a plurality of apertures, formed in the bottom of the baseplate, forming extraction nozzles configured to withdraw fluid from the fabric therethrough; and

c) at least one barrier, disposed on the bottom of the baseplate, configured to force liquid in the fabric towards the plurality of apertures.

¹¹
~~63~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ~~62~~¹⁰, wherein the at least one barrier has a straight elongated shape.

¹²
~~64~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the at least one barrier includes a plurality of barriers, with each of the barriers disposed between adjacent apertures.

¹³
~~65~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the at least one barrier is disposed behind the plurality of apertures.

¹⁴
~~66~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the at least one barrier includes:

a) a plurality of barriers, with each of the barriers disposed between adjacent apertures; and

b) another barrier disposed behind the plurality of apertures.

¹⁵
~~67~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the at least one barrier has a V-shaped cross section.

¹⁶
~~68~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the at least one barrier has a V-shaped cross section; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section configured to reduce a surface area of the barriers which contacts the fabric and increase a pressure of the barriers against the fabric.

¹⁷
~~69~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the baseplate has a V-shaped cross section forming the at least one barrier.

a2 ¹⁸
~~70~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁰~~62~~, wherein the baseplate has a V-shaped cross section forming the at least one barrier; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section configured to reduce a surface area of the barriers which contacts the fabric and increase a pressure of the barriers against the fabric.

¹⁹
~~71~~. (New) A device configured to be attached to a machine for extracting a liquid from a fabric, the device comprising:

a) a baseplate with a bottom configured to face and contact the fabric;

b) a plurality of apertures, formed in the bottom of the baseplate, forming extraction nozzles configured to withdraw fluid from the fabric therethrough; and

c) a plurality of barriers, each disposed on the bottom of the baseplate between adjacent apertures, configured to force liquid in the fabric towards the plurality of apertures.

²⁰
72. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁹71, further comprising another barrier disposed on the bottom of the baseplate behind the plurality of apertures.

²¹
73. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁹71, wherein the plurality of barriers have a V-shaped cross section.

²²
74. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁹71, wherein the plurality of barriers have a V-shaped cross section; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section configured to reduce a surface area of the barriers which contacts the fabric and increase a pressure of the barriers against the fabric.

²³
75. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁹71, wherein the baseplate has a V-shaped cross section forming the barriers.

²⁴
76. (New) A device in accordance with claim ¹⁹71, wherein the baseplate has a V-shaped cross section; and wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section configured to reduce a surface area of the barriers which contacts the fabric and increase a pressure of the barriers against the fabric.

²⁵
~~77~~. (New) A device configured to be attached to a machine for extracting a liquid from a fabric, the device comprising:

a) a baseplate having a V-shaped cross section with a bottom configured to face and contact the fabric;

A2
b) a plurality of apertures, formed in the bottom of the baseplate, forming extraction nozzles configured to withdraw fluid from the fabric therethrough; and

c) the V-shaped cross section of the baseplate and the plurality of apertures forming a plurality of barriers on the bottom of the baseplate configured to force liquid in the fabric towards the plurality of apertures.

²⁴
~~78~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ²⁵~~77~~, further comprising another barrier disposed on the baseplate behind the plurality of apertures.

²⁷
~~79~~. (New) A device in accordance with claim ²⁵~~77~~, wherein the plurality of apertures are disposed at a bottom of the V-shaped cross section configured to reduce a surface area of the barriers which contacts the fabric and increase a pressure of the barriers against the fabric.

²⁸
~~80~~. (New) A device configured to be attached to a machine for extracting a liquid from a fabric, the device comprising: